

REMARKS

In the Office Action the claims were objected and rejected for formal reasons.

As for the objections of the claims in paragraph 1 of the Office Action, the dependency of the claims have been changed, and therefore it is believed that the grounds for this objection are eliminated.

As for the rejection of the claims in paragraph 5 of the Office Action, claim 5 has been canceled, and claims 7-10 have been canceled as well.

Finally, in connection with the Examiner's rejection of claims in paragraph 3 of the Office Action, in particular with respect to claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that the nozzle needle is provided with the pressure stage 40, such that an opening force on the nozzle needle is produced in response to pressure action. Moreover, the nozzle needle has ring shaped surfaces 31 and 35, which also form pressure stages and through which a closing force is produced on the nozzle needle in response to pressure

action. It is therefore believed that claim 1 is correct in defining that the nozzle needle is provided with pressure stages.

As for claim 5 which is now claim 11, it is specifically stated here that the injector has a hydraulic spring chamber or in other words a spring chamber of a hydraulic spring, it is further stated that a transverse surface of the nozzle needle forms one of the pressure stages 31, and above this transverse surface the control volumes act as a force directed opposite to an opening force of the nozzle needle or in other words to produce a closing force on the nozzle needle.

The claims have been amended in compliance with the Examiner's requirements.

Consideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be

carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael J. Striker', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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